

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 581

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 581) to amend Public Law 104-208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

Mr. LOTT. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar pursuant to rule 14.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 581

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the bill that was just placed on the calendar is the so-called Smith-Oberstar U.N. population funding bill.

I now ask unanimous consent the Senate turn to H.R. 581 by the close of business on Thursday, February 27, and there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, with no amendments in order, and that following the conclusion or yielding back of the time, the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of H.R. 581 with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of the Democratic leadership, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 581. An act to amend Public Law 104-208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1104. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the report on administration on aging pension counseling demonstration program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1105. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to injury and illness survey, received on February 11, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1106. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to migratory bird hunting, (RIN1018-AD69) received on February 11, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1107. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem" (RIN2900-AH89) received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1108. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative Conservation Reserve Long-Term Policy, (RIN0560-AE95) received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1109. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to electric loans, (RIN0572-AB30) received on February 13, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1110. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to tomatoes, received on February 14, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1111. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1112. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1113. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Vision 21: The Plan for 21st Century Laboratories and Test and Evaluation Centers of the Department of Defense"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1114. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to court-martial sentence enhancement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1115. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1116. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a property transfer report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1117. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to record-keeping, received on February 14, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1118. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to special flood hazard areas, (RIN3067-AC53) received on February 14, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1119. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to deposits in banks or trust companies, received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1120. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1121. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule with respect to bank holding companies, received on February 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1122. A communication from the Secretary from the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Exemption of Investment in Certain Nonutility Companies"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1123. A communication from the Major General, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to nationwide permits, received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1124. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Architectural Barriers Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1125. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to polar bear trophies, (RIN1018-AD04) received on February 13, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1126. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one rule relative to the Clean Air Act, (FRL-5688-7, 5689-2) received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1127. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of one rule relative to approval and promulgation of air quality plans, (FRL-5690-4) received on February 14, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1128. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including one rule relative to the Clean Air Act, (FRL-5688-2, 5689-6, 5690-9) received on February 14, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1129. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one rule relative to approval and promulgation of plans, (FRL-5680-3, 5688-5) received on February 19, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.